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CONTROL CODE FOR MULTILEVEL MEMORY CELLS  
OPERATING WITH A VARIABLE NUMBER OF STORAGE  
LEVELS, AND MULTIPURPOSE ERROR-CONTROL METHOD  
USING SAID ERROR-CONTROL CODE

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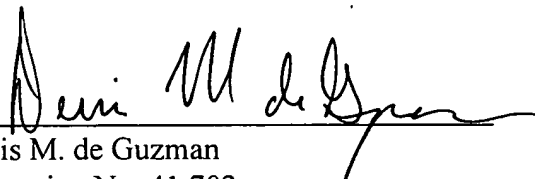
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